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SERVICES TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: JIDDA 1488

1. IN VIEW YOUR JUDGMENT THAT PRESENTATION OF SEVERAL ASPECTS OF SUBJECT PROBLEM TO SAG AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES WILL NOT PREJUDICE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVES, WE CONCUR IN PRESENTATION OF CASE UNZ AS SOON AS CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN SATISFIED. WE ARE PREPARING CASE UNZ FOR SUBMISSION TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, AND WILL NOTIFY YOU AS SOON AS THAT HAS BEEN DONE, AND THE REQUIRED TWENTY DAYS HAVE ELAPSED.

2. WHEN YOU PRESENT CASE UNZ, WE THINK IT ESSENTIAL TO
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MAKE A PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION TO SULTAN ON REIMBURSEMENT

FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY SERVICES (I.E., THE VALUE OF MAN-YEARS OF USMTM EFFORT DEVOTED TO PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES). WE ARE PREPARING MATERIAL TO SUPPORT SUCH A PRESENTATION, AND WILL FORWARD IT TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE LETTER OF OFFER FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORY SERVICES MUST IN OUR VIEW BE PRESENTED TO SAG IN TIME TO OBTAIN SAG ACCEPTANCE NLT 1 JULY 1975 TO MEET

GROWING CONGRESSIONAL VIEW THAT USG RECEIVE FULL REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED.

3. ELIMINATING TAFT SUPPORT PACKAGE WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. BUT WE WANT TO GIVE YOU FURTHER DETAIL ON WHY WE THINK TAFT SUPPORT PACKAGE IS NECESSARY. VISIT OF DOD EXPERTS, NOW SET FOR LATE MARCH, SHOULD PROVIDE IDEAL OCCASION FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

4. WE ARE WORKING ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES PROBLEM AND QUESTION OF AMENDING 1953 AGREEMENT, AND EXPECT TO HAVE A PROPOSAL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION WELL BEFORE CASE UNZ IS READY FOR PRESENTATION. INGERSOLL

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